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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TREATY: SWISS RATIFICATION
AND THE LIECHTENSTEIN GAP

REF: A) BERN 2341; B) BERN 2336

1. ON JUNE 14, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER
EXPRESSED TO SWISS AMBASSADOR SCHNYDER OUR HOPE THAT, IN
ORDER TO SPEED UP FINAL ACTION ON JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE
TREATY AND TO AVOID PROVIDING ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO
OPPONENTS OF TREATY, GOS WOULD SUBMIT TO FEDERAL
ASSEMBLY AT THE SAME TIME BOTH THE TREATY AND THE IMPE-
MENTING LEGISLATION. STABLER INDICATED THAT USG FOR ITS
PART WOULD WANT TO MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE TOWARD
RATIFICATION.

2. AMBASSADOR SCHNYDER SAID HE SHARED USG VIEWPOINT
CONCERNING THE TACTICAL DESIRABILITY OF PUTTING ENTIRE
PACKAGE, TREATY AND IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION, BEFORE THE
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SWISS PARLIAMENT AT SAME TIME. SCHNYDER STATED HE
WOULD PERSONALLY CONVEY THE US VIEWS ON RATIFICATION
TIMING AND PROCEDURE TO BERN, WHILE HE IS THERE NEXT WEEK
FOR CONSULTATIONS.

3. WHEN ASKED BY AMBASSADOR SCHNYDER WHETHER THE US
INTENDS TO NEGOTIATE SIMILAR TREATIES WITH OTHER
COUNTRIES, STABLER REPLIED WE ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING
AN APPROACH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LIECHTENSTEIN
(REFTEL B), AND ARE DISCUSSING WITHIN THE USG THE
POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL.
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